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FOLLOWING ARE TEXTS THREE KALB PIECES--FIRST TWO ON RADIO
FROM BONN ON SUNDAY, THIRD PIECE ON TV FROM MOSCOW MONDAY
MORNING:

1. QUOTE: KISSINGER ARRIVED HERE ON HIS WAY TO MOSCOW FOR
THREE DAYS OF TALKS THERE WITH SOVIET PARTY CHIEF BREZHNEV.
THE PURPOSE OF THE STOP HERE, ASIDE FROM REFUELING, WAS TO
GIVE THE SECRETARY OF STATE A CHANCE TO TALK WITH ...
SCHEEL BASICALLY ABOUT TWO ISSUES. FIRST, A WAY OF IMPROV-
ING TRANS-ATLANTIC CONSULTATION. SCHEEL HAS COME UP WITH A
COMPROMISE PROPOSAL THAT WOULD CUT THE U.S. IN ON EUROPEAN
DELIBERATION, THE FRENCH THINK TOO MUCH, THE BRITISH THINK
TOO LITTLE. KISSINGER'S FEELING IS THE MORE THE BETTER.
THE SECOND ISSUE ROTATES AROUND THE MORE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM
WHETHER EUROPE IN ITS DRIVE FOR A FORM OF POLITICAL UNITY
WILL NOW TAKE THE UNITED STATES AS A SEPARATE FOREIGN
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ENTITY OR MAKE ALLOWANCES AND TREAT THE U.S. AS A VERY

SPECIAL FRIEND. THIS IS A BIG ISSUE, BIGGER SINCE KISS-
INGER AND THE PRESIDENT BEGAN TO SCOLD THE EUROPEANS FOR
THINKING THEY COULD HAVE AMERICAN MILITARY PROTECTION AT
THE SAME TIME AS THEY STRIKE AN INDEPENDENT LINE IN

POLITICAL AND THE DIPLOMATIC ARENA. UNQUOTE

2. QUOTE: KISSINGER FLEW INTO BONN LATE THIS MORNING
AND IMMEDIATELY HELICOPTERED OFF TO A NEARBY CASTLE FOR A
WORKING LUNCH WITH ... SCHEEL. HIS NEXT STOP MOSCOW FOR
THREE DAYS OF TALKS THERE WITH ... BREZHNEV. THE AIM
IN MOSCOW IS TO REACH A BROAD UNDERSTANDING ON AN
AGREEMENT TO LIMIT OFFENSIVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS, PART OF
WHAT IS CALLED SALT II. THE AMERICANS ON KISSINGER'S
PLANE SAY THE NEGOTIATION IN MOSCOW IS GOING TO BE TOUGH.
DOBRYNIN WAS ON BOARD THE SECRETARY'S PLANE AND THE
IMPRESSION HE LEAVES IS THAT AN AGREEMENT, A HARD SOLID
AGREEMENT, IS QUITE POSSIBLE BEFORE PRESIDENT NIXON
ARRIVES IN MOSCOW PROBABLY IN LATE JUNE. UNQUOTE

3. QUOTE: THE OPENING TALKS IN BREZHNEV'S KREMLIN
OFFICE, THE COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER LOOKING RELAXED,
PUFFING ON A CIGARETTE, BANTERED WITH AMERICAN NEWSMEN.
RELATIONS WITH THE US GOOD, INTERESTING, USEFUL. THERE
IS MUCH WORK TO BE DONE. STRATEGIC ARMS TALKS, THE
KEY SUBJECT OF NEGOTIATION HERE, I TAKE AN OPTIMISTIC
VIEW, BREZHNEV SAID. WE HAVE MADE A VERY GOOD BEGINNING
ON THIS PROCESS. THE SALT AGREEMENT SIGNED BY THE
PRESIDENT DURING HIS MAY 1972 VISIT, THAT BREZHNEV
DESCRIBED AS A DOCUMENT OF PEACE AND GOOD NEIGHBOR-
LINESS THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE, HE SAID, TO WAR. WITH THAT
KISSINGER ARRIVED AND THERE WAS A GOOD DEAL OF SMALL
TALK, THE KIND STATESMEN INDULGE IN WHEN REPORTERS ARE
LISTENING. THEN WHEN BREZHNEV SAT DOWN AT A LONG
RECTANGLE TABLE AND KISSINGER SAT DOWN OPPOSITE HIM THE
REPORTERS WERE NATURALLY ASKED TO LEAVE, AND THE
PRINCIPALS AS THEY ARE CALLED STARTED THEIR NEGOTIATION.
THOSE WILL RUN UNTIL WEDNESDAY EVENING. KISSINGER ARRIVED
HERE LAST NIGHT BELIEVING THAT HE CAN SET A FRAMEWORK
FOR A NEW STRATEGIC ARMS AGREEMENT THAT WILL
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BE SIGNED WHEN PRESIDENT NIXON RETURNS TO MOSCOW PROBABLY
IN LATE JUNE. PRAVDA, THE COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER,
NOTED IN A FRONT PAGE STORY THIS MORNING THAT KISSINGER
IS HERE TO SET UP THE NIXON RETURN VISIT. SO IN RUSSIA
ANYWAY THERE SEEMS TO BE LITTLE PUBLICLY EXPRESSED DOUBT
ABOUT THE PRESIDENT'S POLITICAL LONGEVITY. UNQUOTE. RUSH

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